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REVIEWER NOTE

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SUBJECT: Providing Support Materials to Review Decisions

In conducting our reviews we often do research and the results of that research are often reflected in the decisions that we make. This should increase in frequency as RIMS becomes more usable but in every case, even today, whenever possible provide documentary support for your decisions. As an example, note the attached page from one of our reviews. In the top paragraph reference is made to "Church Committee report, 1976, Senate Report No. 94-755, Book IV, pp. 104-105." In such instances make a copy of the pertinent pages and attached them. You should highlight or underline the pertinent passages. Also, when you find something in RIMS that is pertinent,

25X1 print it out and attach it to support the decision that you have made.

MOTTO: Whenever we can we should take the guess work out of the review business.

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--The paragraph from NIE 11-6-56 giving CIA's appraisal of the Soviet orbiting satellite program as of October 1956 (para "7," pp. 7-8). This citation is sensitive on several scores. The full NIE was classified SECRET at publication, but was downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL in a systematic review of 29 June 1981. The short passage cited, however, is a generalized estimate of events which was borne out with full publicity within a year. IAC and GMIC have both been officially identified (see Church Committee report, 1976, Senate Report No. 94-755, Book IV, pp. 104-105). References to "semi-official Soviet statements" and "insufficient firm evidence" are now innocuous.

--The statement that the U.S. could exploit a capability to launch a small scientific satellite to benefit research and development in the field of intelligence (pp. 2, 7, and 14). This is too general to damage any CIA equities in 1985.

--Finally, the statement that the U.S. scientific satellite program of 1956 was justified on the grounds that "it would...represent progress toward a large surveillance satellite with military applications" (pp. 1 and 14).

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